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In re Application of	:	
AUIRA et al.	:	
Application No.: 09/341,339	:	DECISION
PCT No.: PCT/JP98/04494	:	
Int. Filing Date: 05 October 1998	:	ON
Priority Date: 10 November 1997	:	
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POLISHING	:	REQUEST
INNER SURFACE OF CYLINDRICAL PORTION OF	:	
ELONGATED CYLINDRICAL WORK AND	:	
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This is a decision on the request regarding the correction of an inventor's name filed 30 August 1999, notifying the Office that the correct spelling of one of the applicants' names is as follows: TADASHI AIURA rather than SUNAO AIURA, as is indicated in the international application.

On 08 July 1998, within 20 months from the priority date of the international application, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the requisite basic national fee; a surcharge fee for the filing of the oath/declaration later than twenty months from the priority date; and a translation of the international application into English.

On 30 August 1999, applicants filed a combined declaration and power of attorney executed by the named inventors and the present communication, explaining that the first name of one of the named inventors was misspelled in the international application.

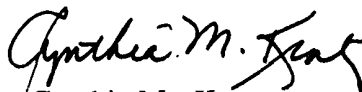
As indicated in Section 201.03 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, where a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name is discovered, a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) is not required. However, in the instant application, applicants do not give an acceptable explanation of the difference in the spelling of the fifth named inventor's name. No explanation is given as to why the inventor did not note the incorrect translation of his first name in the published international application. It would appear that the

error is neither a typographical nor transliteration error. A petition to request a change of the name of the fifth named inventor is required with the appropriate petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

For the reasons above, the petition is **DISMISSED**.



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